

President, Mrs. Roosevelt And Viscountess Halifax Are Yesterday's Hosts

High-Ranking Federal Officials Feted
At White House; Women of Press
Club Attend Tea at Embassy

Entertaining was a bit more formal, at least more official yesterday with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt playing host to officials at dinner and a tea given by Viscountess Halifax, wife of his Britannic majesty's Ambassador.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt had as their guests at dinner the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.; the Secretary of War and Mrs. Henry L. Stimson; the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Frank C. Knox; the Under Secretary of War and Mrs. Robert P. Patterson, the Under Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. James V. Forrestal, the chief of staff, U. S. A., Gen. George C. Marshall; Maj. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, Commandant of the Marine Corps; the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard and Mrs. Russell R. Waesche, the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation and Mrs. Chester W. Nimitz, the adjutant and inspector of the Marine Corps, Brig. Gen. Edward A. Ostermann; Lt. Col. Wade H. Halslip, a member of the Joint Board of Army and Navy Officers, and Mrs. Halslip; Col. and Mrs. William H. Draper, Jr.; Col. and Mrs. Lewis Kemper Williams, Mrs. Edward Bruce, Miss Elizabeth Ann Campbell, Mr. Thomas Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Coy, Mrs. George Gellhorn, Mr. Sidney Hillman and Commissioner on Employment of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense and Mrs. Hillman.

Former Secretary Hopkins Among White House Guests.

Former Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins, just back from England, was also present as were the Acting Commissioner of the Works Progress Administration and Mrs. Howard O. Hunter, Maj. and Mrs. Howard Ker, Mrs. Robert Y. Ker, the Commissioner for Industrial Production of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense and Mrs. William S. Knudsen, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Macauley, 3d; the Librarian of Congress, Mr. Archibald MacLeish, who also is a member of the Archives Advisory Council, and Mrs. MacLeish; Mrs. Anne O'Hare McCormick, the Director of the Civilian Conservation Corps and Mrs. James J. McEntee, the Administrative Assistant to the President, Mr. Lowell Mellett; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman F. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Osborn, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Harry F. Thompson, the Administrator of the National Youth Administration and Mrs. Aubrey Williams, Miss Mary Winslow, vice chairman of the Inter-American Commission of Women; Miss Harriet Winslow and Lt. James H. Batte.

An unusual and interesting program of music arranged by the music division of the Library of Congress, followed the dinner, devoted to "an evening of American song for American soldiers." The first half of the program was devoted to homelike songs and grass-roots ballads, sea shanties and cowboy songs, breakdown tunes for fiddle and banjo, mountain ballads, Negro spirituals, blues and work songs. These were sung by J. M. Hunt of Marion, Va.; Mr. Wade Malner and his Mountaineers of Asheville, N. C.; Burl Ives of South-ern Illinois and New York City, Joshua White of Columbia, S. C., and the Golden Gate Quartet of Norfolk, Va. The second part of the program was devoted to folk songs with banjo, guitar, mandolin and harmonica accompaniment presented by a group of enlisted men of the various branches of the armed services.

Viscountess Halifax Is Hostess To Press Club Women.

Viscountess Halifax was hostess at the Embassy, entertaining the members of the Women's National Press Club and the Newspaperwomen's Club. The cards were for an "at home" from 5 to 7 o'clock, but the party turned into something of a press conference. A few minutes before 6 the hostess led the way from the dining room to the drawing room, followed by her guests, and there gave a brief talk and answered questions.

The Viscountess wore a becoming costume of steel blue wool crepe fashioned with a street-length skirt and a long-sleeved bodice which was built high to the throat. Its only trimmings were the silver gloves which fastened the waist in the front. About her shoulders she wore two silver fox skins. Her only jewelry was a string of pearls. Assisting were the new Counselor of the Embassy and Mrs. S. L. Childs, the former in charge of the public relations office of the Embassy, and others connected with that office. Mrs. Childs wore a smartly tailored suit of black and gray material, with a black hat.

Others assisting were the Second Secretary, Mr. Angus Malcolm; the Third Secretary, Mr. R. G. Etherington-Smith; the Attache, Mr. William Elmslie, and Miss Barbara Wace of the Embassy staff.

Ambassador Has a Few Words To Say to Woman Reporters.

The Ambassador joined the party early and remained about an hour chatting with various guests and when his wife prepared to talk to the group he stood by and frequently aided her with a word and occasionally had a word or two of his own to say. Viscountess Halifax had bits of a bomb exploded on London which were given her by the lovely and gracious Queen Elizabeth shortly before the new Ambassador and his wife started for



MISS COURTNEY LOUISE STILLWELL, Daughter of Senora de Espil, who, with the Argentine Ambassador, today announces her engagement to Mr. Randall H. Hagner, son of Mrs. Randall H. Hagner and the late Mr. Hagner. The wedding will take place Friday, March 14.

—Harris-Ewing Photo.

Tea Is Being Given For Rector's Aid Of St. Thomas

Mrs. Jesse Jones, Mrs. Frank T. Hines, Mrs. William L. Beale and Mrs. Howard Wilkinson are pouring at the tea which is being held this afternoon at the Shoreham for the benefit of the Rector's Aid Society of St. Thomas Church.

Among those who have taken tables are Mrs. Albert P. Niblack, Mrs. Finley H. Calvert, Mrs. E. V. Bookmiller, Mrs. L. Sidney Morey, Mrs. Arthur MacArthur, Mrs. R. H. A. Carter, Mrs. William Carter, Mrs. Ralph Hill, Mrs. Charles B. McVay, Mrs. B. Lauriston Hardin, Mrs. Howard Spleer, Mrs. Arthur Christensen, Mrs. Luther Sheldon, Mrs. Joseph E. Washington, Mrs. William Dixon and Mrs. W. C. Prentiss.

Betrothed Couple Are Honor Guests Of the Pettengills

The commandant of the navy yard and Mrs. George C. Pettengill were hosts last evening in compliment to Miss Nancy Leiter and Mr. Charles Thomas Claggett, whose marriage will take place Saturday.

The guests at dinner included the members of the wedding party and additional guests were asked for dancing for which the Navy Band Orchestra played.

At the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. James Wimsatt, Mr. and Mrs. F. Moran McMahon, Mrs. Audrey Campell, cousin of Miss Leiter, and her brother, Mr. Thomas Leiter; Miss Courtney Louise Stillwell and her fiancé, Mr. Randall H. Hagner; Miss Elizabeth Claggett, sister of Mr. Claggett; Mr. John Pitney and Mr. Duncan Pitney, cousins of Miss Leiter; Mr. James F. Mitchell, Jr. and Mr. Samuel D. Foster of Annapolis.

Earlier in the day Miss Leiter and Mr. Claggett were honor guests at tea given by Mrs. F. Lamont Bell, who entertained at her Georgetown home.

Wedding Date Is Changed

The wedding plans of Miss Katherine Edmonston Pearson and Mr. John Lawrence Porter have been changed. Mr. Porter has received orders to report for duty March 1 at Fort Bliss, Tex.

The ceremony, which was to have taken place in the spring, will be performed at noon Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Pearson, parents of the bride-elect. Only members of the two families will witness the ceremony, which will be followed by a reception.

No invitations are being issued for the reception, the guests being invited by telephone.

Miss Pearson, who was in Florida with members of the family when her fiancé received his orders, returned to the Capital to make hurried plans for her wedding.

Mrs. Walter B. Clark, mother of the bridegroom-elect, who likewise was in the South when she received news of the change of her son's wedding plans, is en route to Washington.

Miss Pearson made her debut several years ago and was one of the popular debutantes of the season.

Miss Stevenin Weds Mr. Albert Assad

The marriage of Miss Grace Maxine Stevenin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August E. Stevenin of Washington, to Mr. Albert J. Assad of Cleveland took place Sunday evening, February 9, in New London, Conn.

The bride is a popular singer of Washington. The bridegroom is stationed with a Marine Corps unit at New London, where he and his bride were honored at a banquet following their marriage. They will make their home in New London.

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Engagement Announced

The Argentine Ambassador and Senora de Espil announce the engagement of the latter's daughter, Miss Courtney Louise Stillwell, to Mr. Randall H. Hagner, Jr., son of Mrs. Randall H. Hagner and the late Mr. Hagner. The wedding will take place March 14.

Miss Stillwell graduated from Chatham Hall and attended the French School in New York last year. She was presented to society last year by the Ambassador and Senora de Espil. She is the daughter of Mr. Wellesley H. Stillwell of Wye Hall at Queens-town, Md., and Chicago and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frank C. Letts.

Mr. Hagner was graduated from the Hill School in 1934 and attended Georgetown University until the death of his father, three years ago, when he entered his father's real estate business.

Senora de Espil and her daughter have been in Florida for some time. Miss Stillwell returned here a short time ago and Senora de Espil came back this morning. Senora de Espil will entertain at tea this afternoon when the formal announcement will be made.

Group Will Leave Tomorrow for Galveston Fete

The "diplomatic" special will leave tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock and aboard will be the daughters of diplomats en route to Texas.

The young women from the diplomatic circle are going to Galveston to attend the Mardi Gras which will be a Pan-American celebration. These young women will play an important part at the fete. They will be accompanied by Miss Minerva Bernadino, vice chairman of the Inter-American Commission of Women.

Those in the party will be Senorita Irma Castillo Najera, daughter of the Mexican Ambassador and Senora de Castillo Najera; Senorita Cristina Michels, daughter of the Chilean Ambassador and Senora de Michels; Senorita Laura Recinos, daughter of the Guatemalan Minister and Senora de Recinos; Senorita Matilde Pastoriza, daughter of the Dominican Minister and Senora de Pastoriza; Senorita Leva Fernandez, daughter of the Costa Rican Minister and Senora de Fernandez; Senorita Teresa La Brite, daughter of the Naval Attache of the Peruvian Embassy and Senora de La Brite; Senorita Gracila Guerra, daughter of Senora de Guerra, who is a member of the Inter-American Commission of Women, and Senorita Susana Larigua of Argentina.

The party will return to Washington Friday, February 28.

St. Andrew's Vicar Gives 'At-Home' Tea

The Rev. Nathaniel Acton, vicar of St. Andrew's Church at College Park, held his first at home Sunday afternoon to members of the parish and the faculty and students of the University of Maryland.

The drawing room of the vicarage was decorated with red and white freesias and nemesis, white snapdragons and red carnations. The tea table was decorated with spring flowers and tall yellow tapers.

Mrs. Jane Kelk assisted Mr. Acton in receiving the guests, and presiding at the tea table were Mrs. Thomas Eymons, wife of the dean of the college of agriculture; Mrs. Levin Broughton, wife of the dean of the college of arts and science; Mrs. Harry Patterson, wife of the former president of the university; Mrs. Sydney Steinberg, wife of the dean of the college of engineering; Mrs. Margaret Close, Mrs. Stuart Shaw and Mrs. William Hottel.



MRS. JAMES J. GIULIANI.

Before her marriage she was Miss Thelma Louise Goddard. Mr. and Mrs. Giuliani are making their home in Washington. —Hessler Photo.



MRS. MARSHALL SWANSON.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holt, the bride formerly was Miss Myra Elizabeth Holt. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are living in Reidsville, N. C. —Harris-Ewing Photo.



MRS. MILTON L. THOMPSON.

Prior to her wedding, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Mackie, Mrs. Thompson was Miss Mary Ruth Mackie of Yadkinville, N. C. —Dunbar (Winston-Salem) Photo.

Drake Alumni Plan Memorial Dinner

The Drake University Alumni Association of Washington will meet for dinner Saturday at the Chastleton Hotel to honor the memory of the late president, D. W. Morehouse, on his birthday anniversary.

Representative Paul Cunningham of Des Moines will speak. Mr. W. O. Chatterton is president of the association and Miss Mable Olson is secretary.

Burgin Called Home

Representative William O. Burgin of Lexington, N. C., who with Mrs. Burgin lives at the Wardman Park Hotel during the congressional season, has been called home on business and will be absent for several days. He left over the week end, and expects to rejoin Mrs. Burgin here the latter part of the week.

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Mrs. Lewis Compton Feted at Luncheon By Mrs. Peacock

Mrs. Lewis Compton, wife of the recently retired Assistant Secretary of the Navy, was the guest in whose honor Mrs. James Craig Peacock entertained at luncheon today in her home in Chevy Chase. Among the guests were Mrs. Robert H. Jackson, Mrs. Daniel C. Roper, Mrs. Frank Crowther, Mrs. Fritz Lanham, Mrs. John E. Rankin, Mrs. Luther Johnson, Mrs. Richard M. Duncan, Mrs. William D. Byron, Mrs. Emil Schram, Mrs. Harlee Branch, Mrs. Emmet C. Guder, Mrs. Frank J. Wideman, Mrs. Curtis Walker and Mrs. Louis C. Montford.

Plans for Wedding Of Miss Kearney

Mr. and Mrs. Melville D. Kearney of Arlington, Va., announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Joyce Kearney, to Mr. John Patrick Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds Walsh of Washington. The marriage will take place Saturday in Corpus Christi, Tex., where Mr. Walsh now is employed on the national defense program.

Ex-Resident Weds

News has been received of the marriage of Mr. John Henry Polk, formerly of Washington, and Miss Barbara Ruth Klein of Sacramento, Calif., at Honolulu last Saturday.

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